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Kristin G. Lovejoy et al.

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For: OBJECT-ORIENTED METHOD, SYSTEM  
AND MEDIUM FOR RISK MANAGEMENT  
BY CREATING INTER-DEPENDENCY  
BETWEEN OBJECTS, CRITERIA AND  
METRICS

Examiner: O. O. Oyebisi

**EARLY RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper responds to the Final Office Action dated July 10, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-31.

**The presently pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.